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TAGS: AWACS, NATO, CENTO, TU, IR  
SUBJ: NATO AWACS: FURTHER TURKISH QUERIES

REF: STATE 108458 (DTG 280124Z APR 78) (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY POLITICAL/MILITARY OFFICER MET WITH FOREIGN  
MINISTRY NATO DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR GUN GUR ON  
MAY 5 TO CONVEY USG RESPONSES TO AWACS QUESTIONS PER PARA 2  
REFTEL. EMBASSY POL/MIL OFFICER ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT  
GOT WOULD MAKE AWACS PROGRAM COMMITMENT AT MAY SESSION OF  
DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DPC), AND CONVEYED USAF OFFER  
TO HOST VISIT BY TURKISH MILITARY OFFICERS PER PARA 1 REFTEL.

2. GUR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR USG REPLIES AND SAID  
THAT THESE WOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY BY THE FOREIGN  
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MINISTRY AND MILITARY OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THE AWACS  
PROGRAM. GUR INDICATED SATISFACTION WITH THE OPTIMISTIC  
PROGNOSIS REGARDING THE 18 PLAN FORCE (PARA 2 A, REFTEL) AND  
ASSURANCES RELATING TO DATA TRANSMISSION PER PARAS 2 B AND C,  
REFTEL. GUR COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE NECESSARY POLITICAL  
LEVEL DECISION ON A PROGRAM COMMITMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN  
MADE BECAUSE OF RECENT OVERSEAS TRAVELS OF PRIME MINISTER

ECEVIT AND FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN, AND ILLNESS (NOT SERIOUS) THIS PAST WEEK OF DEFENSE MINISTER ISIK. FINALLY, GUR SAID HE WOULD CONTACT US IF HE HAD ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS AFTER STUDYING USG REPLIES TO AWACS QUESTIONS.

3. FYI, QUESTION OF INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN NATO AND IRANIAN AWACS WAS NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSSED AT MAY 5 MEETING.

4. REGARDING VISIT OF TURKISH OFFICERS TO U.S., WE UNDERSTAND THAT INVITATION MAY SHORTLY BE FORTHCOMING FOR TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) CHIEF, GENERAL KENAN EVREN, TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN U.S. IF EVREN VISIT MATERIALIZES, WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AWACS OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND VISIT AWACS UNIT. IF PROGRAM DETAILS ARE LAID OUT SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE, WE CAN SUGGEST TO TGS THAT AWACS EXPERTS BE INCLUDED IN EVREN'S PARTY. SPIERS

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